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To: Examiner Karl I. Tamai
 Group Art Unit No. 2834
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 From: James E. Howard
 Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/891,606
 Our Ref: NGB.059

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Dear Examiner Tamai:

Enclosed is the Amendment, responsive to the August 26, 2003 Office Action, along with a Petition for Extension of Time, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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In re Application of

Taniguchi, et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,606

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: June 27, 2001

Examiner: Tamai, Karl I.

For: MAGNETIC BEARING CONTROL DEVICE WITH COUNTER FOR TIMED MAINTENANCE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The title and claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 9, and 18 are independent.

Serial No. 09/981,606
Docket No. K06-135818M/TBS

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

**“MAGNETIC BEARING CONTROL DEVICE WITH COUNTER FOR TIMED
MAINTENANCE”**